

HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION

Native Hawaiians arrived by canoe in Hawai‘i nearly 2,000 years ago in several waves of immigration. In the past 200 years, other peoples from Europe, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific have arrived on these island shores. The overlay of cultures has created a wealth of documented archeological, cultural and historical sites in our state. Each historic site requires assessment and documentation, and decisions need to be made concerning the management of these tangible aspects of Hawai‘i’s heritage. Such activities are the responsibility of the State

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Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) of DLNR.

SHPD works to preserve reminders of earlier times which link the past to the present. The division strives to accomplish this goal through maintenance of an inventory of historic properties, the historic preservation review process, economic incentives, support of the five island burial councils, public information and education projects, and preservation planning. All programs and activities are designed to promote the use and maintenance of historic properties for the education, inspiration, pleasure and enrichment of Hawai'i's citizens and visitors.

SHPD's statewide inventory of historic properties contains information on more than 35,000 historic places in Hawai'i. Many of the identified and documented sites are archaeological, but buildings, cultural sites, and ancient Hawaiian burials are also included. Expanding at a rate of approximately 800 entries per year, the inventory of historic properties is consulted daily to determine the effects of land use actions and development proposals on or adjacent to historic properties. This function of the division is known as the Historic Preservation Review Process, and it is the pri-

mary means of mitigating the effects of change on our historic and cultural assets.

Other major division activities include the Burial Sites Program, the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places program, and a publications program.

The Burial Sites Program manages burial sites more than 50 years old. The majority of burial cases handled by the program relate to native Hawaiian skeletal remains, 'iwi, often discovered in the course of excavating unmarked sites for modern development.

Native Hawaiians consider the 'iwi as sacred, and deserving of respectful treatment and reinterment according to cultural protocols. Five island Burial Councils appointed by the Governor address concerns relating to native Hawaiian burial sites. Anyone who wishes to relocate or preserve in place previously identified, unmarked Hawaiian burials must obtain the approval of the appropriate island Burial Council. The division works with other cultural organizations when burial remains related to that specific ethnic group are discovered.

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HIGHLIGHTS

During the biennium SHPD worked with a number of other divisions within DLNR to assure that Earth's best resources would be sustained beyond today for the benefit of future generations. The division was involved with a number of management "hot spot" areas, and took the lead with regard to the successful acquisition of the Chiefess Keakealaniwahine's Complex on the island of Hawai'i, one of the department's hot spots. The 16.4 acre complex, to be donated to DLNR by First Hawaiian Creditcorp, was the home of Keakealaniwahine, highest ranking chiefess of the Hawai'i island dynasty. The parcel contains impressive ten foot high stone walls, and associated platforms and archaeological deposits.

The division also actively took the lead on the preservation of the

historic properties in the back of Wai'anae valley, O'ahu, another department hot spot. SHPD also played a role in hot spots on: O'ahu – Ka'ena Point, Kāne'ohe Bay, Kawainui Marsh, Diamond Head; Kaua'i – Wailua River, Kōke'e, Nā Pali Coast; Hawai'i – Mauna Kea, Mahai'ula; and Maui – 'Āhihi Kīna'u, and 'Īao valley.

The following are accomplishments for FY 1996-97 and FY 1997-98:

FY 1996-97.

- Reviewed and commented on 2,020 development project proposals statewide, providing technical information and advice.
- Responded to 324 cases statewide involving burials (staff respond to reports of inadvertent burials discovered by ground-disturbing construction work or erosion),
- Continued architectural inventory of Hilo to Hāmākua, Hawai'i.
- Commenced archaeological reconnaissance survey of Kahikinui, Maui for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.
- Continued archaeological survey of Pearl Harbor fishponds, O'ahu, in cooperation with the Department of Defense.
- Researched and placed on the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places the following historic properties:
 - ◆ **O'ahu**
 - Coxhead Residence
 - Day Residence
 - "Fair Ladies" Residential Complex
 - Hoog Residence
 - Houvenner Residence
 - Kawamura Residence
 - Kay Residence
 - Lufkin Residence
 - Johnny Noble Residence
 - Pond Residence
 - Scott Residence
 - Kaimukī Reservoir
 - ◆ **Hawai'i**
 - Star of the Sea Church, Kalapana
 - A.J. Williamson Residence, Hilo
- Acquired a portion of the Kahalu'u taro lo'i historic district in windward O'ahu.
- Continued rehabilitation of Waialua Courthouse, Hale'iwa, O'ahu.
- Undertook restoration of walls at Kē'ē hula platform, Kaua'i.
- Commenced initial Geographic Information System data entry for island of Hawai'i.

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- Produced and distributed a video on the Hulihe'e Palace, Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i.
- Continued administration of the Hawai'i Main Street Program which helps revitalize and preserve historic small towns by capitalizing on their historic character.

FY 1997-98.

- Reviewed and commented on 1,911 development project proposals statewide, providing technical information and advice.
- Responded to 267 burial cases statewide.
- Commenced architectural inventory of the work of Claude Stiehl, an architect active in Hawai'i during the 1930s.
- Continued archaeological inventory field work at Kahikinui, Maui for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.
- Researched and placed on the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places the following historic properties:

◆ O'ahu

Bayer Residence
Coral House
Deering Residence
Erickson-Meyer Residence
Paxton-Cockburn Residence
Peterson Residence
Plantation Manager's House at 'Aiea
Schieber Residence
Schofield Barracks Historic District
Stockade at Schofield Barracks
Mānoa Chinese Cemetery

◆ Hawai'i

Nambu Hotel

◆ Maui

Wai'ale Bridge

- Completed rehabilitation of Waialua Courthouse, Hale'iwa, O'ahu.
- Commenced acquisition of Keakealaniwahine's housesite, Kona, Hawai'i.
- Worked with Navy on the return of the battleship U.S.S. Missouri to Pearl Harbor, O'ahu.